

## NEW STEEL PRICES FIXED

Heavy Reductions Are Made  
for All Classifications

### AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED

Between the Producers and  
Government—Bars at  
\$2.90 Per Cent.

Washington, Sept. 25.—Uniform steel prices for the American government, the public and the allies, which represent reductions of from 30 to 70 per cent in present market quotations, were approved yesterday by President Wilson. The prices were determined in an agreement reached between steel producers and the war industries board after conferences lasting more than a month. They were based on cost of production figures furnished by the federal trade commission which made an investigation at the president's direction.

Under powers conferred in the priority of transportation act the war industries board will supervise distribution of steel in a manner best calculated to win the war.

The agreement reached stipulates that there shall be no wage reductions in the steel industry and that producers shall exert themselves to maintain capacity production.

The prices will become effective immediately and are subject to revision Jan. 1, 1918.

Steel plates, basis Chicago and Pittsburgh, price agreed upon, \$3.25 hundredweight; recent price, \$11 hundredweight; a reduction of 70.5 per cent.

Other prices agreed upon follow:

Iron ore basis, lower lake ports, price agreed upon \$5.05 gross ton. No change.

Steel plates, basis Chicago and Pittsburgh, price agreed upon, \$3.25 hundredweight; recent price, \$11 hundredweight; a reduction of 70.5 per cent.

Coke, Connellville price agreed upon \$6 net ton; recent price, \$16 a ton; a reduction of 62.5 per cent.

Pig iron, price agreed upon, \$33 gross ton; recent price, \$58 a gross ton; a reduction of 43.1 per cent.

Steel bars, Pittsburgh and Chicago basis; price agreed upon, \$2.90 per hundredweight; recent price, \$5.50 hundredweight; a reduction of 47.3 per cent.

Steel shapes basis Chicago and Pittsburgh; price agreed upon, \$3 hundredweight; recent price, \$6 hundredweight; a reduction of 50 per cent.

This price announcement, agreed upon after many months of investigation by the federal trade commission and conferences between government officials and the leading men of the iron and steel business, was accompanied by the following statement:

"It was stipulated:

"First, that there should be no reduction in the present rate of wages.

"Second, that the prices above named should be made to the public and to the allies as well as to the government.

"Third, that the steel men pledge themselves to exert every effort necessary to keep up the production to the maximum of the past so long as the war lasts.

"Measures will be taken by the war industries board for placing orders and supervising the output of the steel mills in such a manner as to facilitate and expedite the requirements of the government and its allies for war purposes and to supply the needs of the public according to their public importance and in the best interests of all, as far as practicable.

"A spirit of co-operation was manifested by the steel men, and no doubt is entertained that every effort will be made to bring the production as nearly as possible to the extraordinary demands resulting from the war."

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## ESCAPES JAIL, BUT IS BACK IN HALF HOUR

Alleged Slayer of Laconia, N. H., Teacher  
Tampers with Cell  
Lock.

Laconia, N. H., Sept. 25.—Maurice P. Bradford, awaiting grand jury action on a charge of murdering Miss Alice B. Richards, a teacher at the state school for feeble-minded, escaped from jail early yesterday, but was returned to prison half an hour later. He told Frank B. Wilson, to whose home he went, that he had no intention of running away.

Jail officials said Bradford probably tampered with the lock of his cell so that when the doors were locked Sunday night the bolt failed to slip into place.

This enabled him to get into the corridor from which he could reach a lever box controlling the locks on all the inner doors. The fact that David Swain, the turnkey, had left the key in the box allowed Bradford to operate the levers, letting himself into the outer corridor, from which he climbed up pipes through a trapdoor into the attic and then escaped down a lightning rod from the cupola of the building.

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## U. S. AND JAPAN NOW IN ACCORD

A Final Understanding Has  
Been Reached Upon  
War Work

### SECRETARY LANSING 'WELL SATISFIED'

Secretary Calls Visit of Vis-  
count Ishii Most  
Helpful

Washington, Sept. 25.—A complete understanding has been reached between the United States and Japan on plans for co-operation in the war against Germany.

In response to inquiries yesterday concerning the progress of the negotiations between himself and Viscount Ishii, head of the Japanese war mission, Secretary of State Lansing authorized the following statement:

"The conversations with Viscount Ishii have been of a most satisfactory character and I think his visit to this country has been most helpful in benefiting the relations between the two countries and in strengthening the bonds of friendship."

Whether the negotiations are at an end cannot now be stated. It is possible that Viscount Ishii may have other matters to bring up, though this is not apparent at the headquarters of the mission, which has been living during its residence here in the home of Perry Belmont.

Precisely what are the plans of co-operation concluded cannot be stated in detail at this time. It has been hoped that an official announcement along this line might be forthcoming with the departure of the mission from the United States. But even such an announcement, for obvious reasons, would not disclose in too intimate detail information which might be of advantage to Germany.

All that can safely be stated at this time along that line is that an entirely satisfactory basis has been reached concerning, on the one hand, the employment of Japanese shipping in transporting railway and war supplies to Russia, and, on the other, an arrangement under which the American embargo on steel plates is not to operate to the disadvantage of the Japanese shipyards.

Of far more lasting importance, however, is the fact that the conferences have gone far toward clearing away the distrust which has tended to exist between the two governments and to pave the way for a permanent basis of understanding.

It can be stated that the American government has been most favorably impressed with Viscount Ishii himself and with the attitude in which the visiting mission has approached the various subjects that have come up for discussion.

Advance reports on the mission predicted that it would come to stir up delicate questions between the two countries and to suggest a settlement of these matters in ways that might be embarrassing to the traditional attitude of the United States in its far eastern policy.

As far as can be discovered there has been no justification of these forecasts, the origin of which Viscount Ishii has already indicated in his speech before the National Press club warning America of the persistent untiring efforts of German propagandists and their unconscious dupes to promote a spirit of suspicion and distrust between the United States and Japan.

If the conferences have gone as far as Mr. Lansing's statement would indicate in benefiting the relations between the two countries and strengthening the bonds of friendship between them, they have more than justified the predictions in the New York Evening Sun that the visit of the Japanese would take rank beside that of any other group from the allied countries in respect to the future policies of the United States.

It must not be inferred from this that anything in the nature of a formal alliance between the two countries has been negotiated. Neither side in the "conversations" sought such a result. There was, however, a noticeable earnestness on both sides, it is stated, to employ the opportunity presented to arrive at a better understanding.

## SHIPBUILDERS END STRIKE AMICABLY

Agreement for Temporary Wage Increase  
Has Been Signed in San Francisco.

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 25.—The San Francisco bay shipbuilders' strike has been settled. The striking metal trade workers will resume work not later than Wednesday, bringing to an end the labor troubles that have paralyzed shipbuilding around the bay for a week.

Gavin McNab, new federal mediator, announced yesterday that an agreement providing for temporary wage increases insuring this solution of the difficulties had been signed by both sides. The unions' delegates met last night, when the ratification plan was to be submitted. No hitch was anticipated at this meeting.

## ITALY WANTS U. S. AID IN AUSTRIAN CAMPAIGN

Milan Newspaper Says That We Give  
All to the French and  
English.

Rome, Sept. 25.—A plea for American aid for Italy—batteries, fighting divisions and thousands of aeroplanes—was voiced by the Milan Corriere della Sera yesterday.

"America still fails to understand that Austria's defeat is vital," the editorial asserted. "The United States is not warring against Austria. Her aid goes to swell the Anglo-French forces. Italy is not included in it. We are carrying on our work unaided."

The newspaper demanded to know why Italy had not sent permanent commissioners to America, like Andre Tardieu for France and Lord Northcliffe for England.



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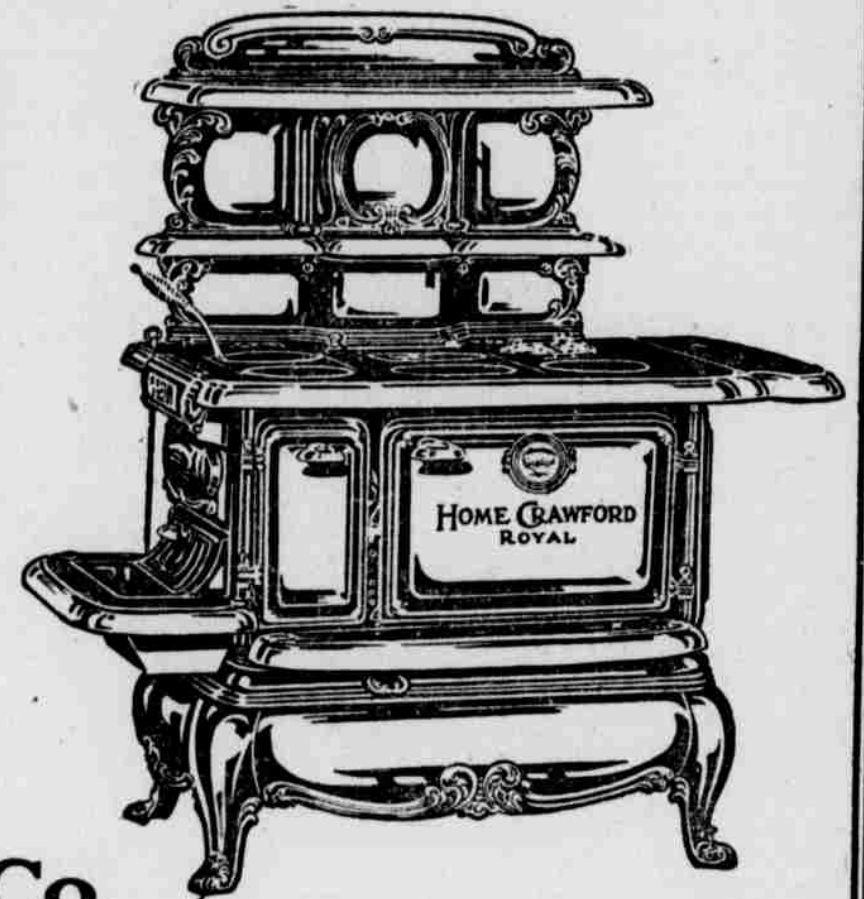
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### A Very Strange Case.

Louisville, Ky., Sept. 25.—Robert Worth Bingham and his friends here are to-day awaiting the next move of those who, according to a statement given out Sunday night by counsel for Judge Bingham, in the early hours of Tuesday morning of last week caused the body of his wife, formerly Mrs. Henry M. Flagler, to be exhumed, an autopsy performed and some of the vital organs removed and sent to New York, after which the body presumably was reinterred. The

exhuming of the body was carried out surreptitiously and without notice to Judge Bingham, the statement says, adding: "It belongs to the public to form its own opinion of this ghastly drama." In its concluding paragraphs the statement says if "whispered suspicion shall end in

the making of charges, the charges will then be met with facts."

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